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SUBJECT: EC VIEWS ON POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT

1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH USDA VISITOR JOHN BESHOAR, EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS GRUPE, FAWCETT, AND RASMUSSEN (DG VI) SUGAR DIVISION) EXPRESSED THE EC'S INTEREST IN WORKING INFORMALLY WITH THE UNITED STATES ON POSSIBLE GUIDELINES FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA). THEY SAID THAT THE CURRENT DRAFT ISA BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION COUNCIL IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY; IN PARTICULAR, ANY PROVISION ON QUOTAS WOULD NOT BE POLITICALLY POSSIBLE. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HOPE TO DEVELOP BROAD AREAS OF AGREEMENT FOR A NEW ISA WITH THE U.S. AND OTHERS BY THE COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER AND TO ASSURE THAT NEXT APRIL'S SCHEDULED NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE CAN BE CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY (I.E., THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN SIGN A NEW ISA).

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS STATED THAT THE EC IS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS FOR A NEW ISA:

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A. NATIONALLY-OWNED BUFFER STOCKS, THE COST OF WHICH

WILL BE SHARED BY IMPORTING AND EXPORTING COUNTRIES ALIKE;
B. INTERNATIONALLY-AGREED TRIGGER AND RELEASE MECHANISM
TIED TO INTER ALIA A PRICE BAND;
C. NO IMPORT OR EXPORT QUOTAS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM
WASHINGTON USG DESIDERATA FOR A NEW ISA AND INTEREST IN
INFORMAL EXCHANGES WITH THE COMMISSION ON THE SUBJECT.
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